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PROBABLE INFILTRATION ROUTE  
CAMBODIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS PROBABLE LOGISTICS INFILTRATION ROUTES IN THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AREA.

2. LOCATION:

THE ACTIVITY PORTRAYED ON THIS BRIEFING BOARD IS LOCATED IN NORTH-EASTERN CAMBODIA'S RATANAKIRI PROVINCE EXTENDING EAST FROM THE LOMPHAT MILITARY STORAGE AREA TO SOUTH VIETNAM.

3. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF LATE 1965 REVEALED EVIDENCE OF NUMEROUS WELL-USED TRAILS CRISSCROSSING THE BORDER AREAS GENERALLY FROM ONE REMOTE HEAVILY WOODED AREA TO ANOTHER EQUALLY REMOTE AREA. DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, INCLUDING HEAVY MACHINE GUNS (HMG/AA), TRENCHES, AND FOXHOLES, WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE VICINITY OF 1332N 10735E AND WELL INSIDE CAMBODIA TO A MAXIMUM OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE NM.

BY LATE 1966, PHOTOGRAPHY OF RATANAKIRI PROVINCE LEFT LITTLE DOUBT THAT COMMUNIST FORCES WERE UTILIZING THE SANCTUARY OF CAMBODIA ON A MORE PERMANENT BASIS. NUMEROUS THATCHED BUILDINGS WITH ASSOCIATED TRAILS, DEFENSE POSITIONS, AND ROW CROP AGRICULTURE HAD APPEARED IN WIDELY DISPERSED AREAS THROUGHOUT THE PREK DRANG, PREK NAM LIEOU, AND O'KAMANG CHONG RIVER VALLEYS.

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4. COLLATERAL:

IN AUGUST 1967, A SMUGGLER REPORTEDLY SAW FOUR TRUCKS, SIMILAR TO THE SOVIET 4 X 2 ZIL-164, MOVING EAST ON ROUTE 19 IN NORTHERN CAMBODIA. IT LOOKED TO HIM AS IF THE TRUCKS WERE CARRYING RICE IN SACKS AND OTHER FOOD.

THE SMUGGLER VISITED THE WAREHOUSE AT LOMPHAT WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS A BRICK BUILDING ABOUT SIXTY FEET LONG, THIRTY FEET WIDE, AND THIRTY FEET HIGH WITH A CONCRETE CEILING. IT WAS FILLED WITH RICE AND OTHER FOOD. FIFTEEN BULLOCK CARTS AND THREE BOATS WERE OBSERVED BEING LOADED AT THE WAREHOUSE. THIS WAREHOUSE HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN REPORTED AS A TRANSSHIPMENT POINT FOR GOODS BEING SENT FROM KRATIE IN CENTRAL CAMBODIA TO NVA UNITS IN NORTH-EASTERN CAMBODIA.

ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTED THAT THE FOOD FROM THE WAREHOUSE WAS TAKEN TO HOUEI TANG, A PLACE ON THE TONLE SREPOK (RIVER) TWO DAYS JOURNEY BY BULLOCK CART FROM LOMPHAT. ABOUT FIFTEEN BULLOCK CARTS AND THREE BOATS WERE LOADED AT THE WAREHOUSE DAILY; THERE WERE ABOUT ONE HUNDRED CARTS IN LOMPHAT AVAILABLE FOR SUCH USE. THE CARTS TRANSPORTED THREE ONE HUNDRED-KILOGRAM SACKS EACH AND THE BOATS FIVE. THE INFORMANT FURTHER STATED THAT BETWEEN 03-11 AUGUST 1967 FIVE TO TEN NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) SOLDIERS FROM HOUEI TANG HAD COME TO THE WAREHOUSE EACH DAY TO CHECK ON SUPPLIES STORED THERE AND THEN HAD RETURNED TO HOUEI TANG. ONE OF THE CART DRIVERS AT THE WAREHOUSE TOLD THE SMUGGLER THAT THERE WERE NO BUILDINGS OR STORAGE FACILITIES AT HOUEI TANG AND THAT NVA SOLDIERS TOOK THE RICE AND CARRIED IT INTO THE FOREST.

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5. MISSION READOUT:

[REDACTED] REVEALS A PROBABLE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT ON THE WEST BANK OF THE PREK DRANG (RIVER) AT 13-21-45N 107-22-40E (UTM YV575783) AT THE TERMINUS OF A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED HEAVILY TRAVELLED ROAD THAT ORIGINATES AT THE LOMPHAT MILITARY STORAGE COMPLEX. A VEHICLE TURN AROUND, AND A PROBABLE BUILDING AND RAFT ARE OBSERVED UNDER THE TREES NEAR THE RIVER BANK.

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A HEAVILY USED TRAIL EXTENDS FROM UTM YV576783 ON THE EAST BANK OF THE PREK DRANG IN A GENERALLY EAST-SOUTHEAST DIRECTION CROSSING THE CAMBODIA/SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 13-14-20N 107-34-55E (UTM YV797649).

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AT LEAST FIVE PROBABLE BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED UNDER TREES ON THE SOUTH BANK OF THE PREK NAM LIEOU (RIVER) AT 13-17-50N 107-31-00E (UTM YV726712) WHERE THE TRAIL CROSSES HEAVY GROUND SCARRING.

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A PROBABLE BIVOUAC AREA IS OBSERVED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE TRAIL AT 13-15-20N 107-33-45E (UTM YV776667) CONSISTING OF A CIRCULAR PATTERN OF FOX-HOLES WITH TWO CENTRALLY LOCATED AW POSITIONS.

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A PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PROBABLE MILITARY STORAGE AREA AT 13-28-00N 107-18-00E (UTM YV500905) NEAR THE VILLAGE OF PH DOK YONG IS OBSERVED NOW TO CONTAIN SEVEN LARGE STORAGE BUILDINGS, ONE SUPPORT BUILDING, TWO PROBABLE SHED-

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TYPE BUILDINGS, TWO POSSIBLE TRUCKS, AND ROW CROPS. THE AREA IS FENCE-SECURED AND DEFENSES INCLUDE NUMEROUS FOXHOLES AND AT LEAST FIVE AW POSITIONS. THE AREA IS CONNECTED BY A SERVICE ROAD TO THE ROAD FROM LOMPHAT.

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A HEAVILY USED TRAIL ORIGINATING FROM SEVERAL SMALLER TRAILS IN THE VICINITY OF 13-33-00N 107-28-00E WINDS GENERALLY SOUTH UNTIL IT JOINS THE HEAVY TRAIL DEPICTED ON THE GRAPHIC AT 13-18-29N 107-30-35E (UTM YV719724) WHERE THE TWO TRAILS CONTINUE TOGETHER, CROSSING THE SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 13-14-20N 107-34-55E (UTM YV797649).

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